

## Crew of Potomac Ordered Home.

The officers and crew of the naval tug Potomac, which was abandoned in the ice floes off Bonne Bay, N. F., have been ordered home, where they will await orders for reassignment. They are now 50 miles from the railroad.

Great hardship was endured by the crew, their shoes being cut to ribbons by the sharp ice, during the journey ashore, while several suffered frost bites. The men are being cared for by the Bonne Bay folks.

In the opinion of naval officials the tug will never survive the heavy ice pack. Boatswain Wilkinson, the Potomac's commander, has reported to the navy department that in abandoning the tug, her anchor was left out, in hopes that it may hold the craft when the heavy fields commence to break up.

### Lost Foremast Head.

With her foremast head gone and otherwise slightly damaged, the Pensacola fishing schooner Albert Geiger, of the E. E. Saunders Fish Company, put into Mobile Bay a week ago Tuesday morning after being out 31 days and being unable to make much progress against the head wind which was delaying her arrival at Pensacola. Thinking that her catch of 18,000 pounds of snapper and grouper might be disposed of at Mobile, Captain McGraw decided to steer his vessel to that point, but on reaching there he found Mobile merchants overstocked with fish and he telephoned to Pensacola for a tug to tow the craft home.

The tug Sea King, of the Aiken Towboat Company, was dispatched to Mobile at four o'clock Tuesday afternoon to bring the Geiger back to Pensacola.

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### Salt Mackerel Market.

Says the Fishing Gazette:

The old farmer's exclamation, on seeing a giraffe: "There ain't no such animal!" about describes the domestic mackerel situation. In other words, supplies of this fish are so closely cleaned up that it would be hard to find any considerable quantity with the aid of a search warrant. Prices are of course, very firm in consequence.

The approaching Lenten season is inducing somewhat heavier buying than has been experienced of late. Stocks of Norways are being reduced, and with no fresh supplies in sight the market is naturally very firm. Irish mackerel is a little weaker, being apparently in better supply than other varieties.

Liverpool, Feb. 7.—Fishing fair to good. Shipments this week were, to Boston, 609 bbls., to all other ports \$12 bbls.

### Halibut Schooner Constitution Was Launched.

On February 2, a new halibut schooner, to be named Constitution, was launched at the shipyards of I. Heggam of Ballard, at Seattle. This vessel was built for Sorensen & Knudsen of Ballard, and is 76 feet in length, 16 feet beam, and has a draft of 7 feet, 6 inches. It will be equipped with an 80 horse power Corliss engine.

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## LAST OF HERRING FLEET IS HOME

### Sch. Atalanta Safe in Port After Long and Rough Passage.

Sch. Atalanta, the last of the local Newfoundland herring fleet to arrive for the season, is safe in port, after a long and tedious passage home. In addition to adverse weather conditions, the Atalanta was delayed at Halifax on account of an accident which was sustained by Capt. Wadding, and Capt. James McDonald was sent down and brought her home. The vessel brings a full load of salt, frozen and pickled herring.

Quite a bunch of the big off shore gill netters have shifted over towards the Isle of Shoals and are striking fish. Of yesterday's landings, the Sawyer had the largest lift, landing 4500 pounds.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Atalanta, Bay of Islands, N. F., 650 bbls. frozen herring, 90 bbls, and 42 half bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. R. J. Killick, gill netting, 1100 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bryda F., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Little Fannie, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Philomena, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

### Vessels Sailed.

No sailings today.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.75; snappers, \$3.50

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$5.00; medium, \$4.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5.50; mediums, \$4.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums \$2.00; snappers, \$1.50

Haddock, \$2.00.

Hake, \$2.00.

Pollock, \$2.00.

#### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium

\$2.00; snappers, 75c

Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium

\$2.15; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 10 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$2.00; medium, \$1.50 snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 90c; round, 80c.

Newfoundland bulk salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.

Newfoundland pickled herring, \$4.50 per bbl.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$ 1-2c per lb.

Fresh halibut, 8½c per lb. for white and gray.

#### Porto Rico Fish Market.

Codfish—During the past week, our market has remained quite steady and there has been a slight advance over previous quotations. Stocks at market are very light and we look for a maintenance of present values.

We quote about as follows on usual "Net Ex. Wharf" basis: Medium codfish, \$32.50 to \$33.00; large codfish, \$34.00 to \$34.50.

Pollock—Enquiry is fair, but dealers show no interest above about \$22.00. Reported by S. Ramirez & Co.

## LUNENBURG FLEET FULLY MANNED

Says the Halifax Maritime Merchant:

Most of the Lunenburg captains have their crews for the spring banking trip already organized and those who haven't are busy completing this task. The prospects are that the entire fleet will be fully manned this year. Last year, it will be remembered, were four or five vessels that failed to get crews at all and were consequently prevented from participating in the fishery. The present state of affairs is brought about partly from the improved outlook for the fishermen as a result of the new American tariff conditions, and partly by the fact that, as a result of this, many men who formerly went to Gloucester are remaining home to fish from their home ports.

### New Halibut Schooner Building.

Chas. Vick of Port Madison, Wash., is having a new halibut schooner built at Nelson's shipyard in Poulsbo. The vessel will be 78 feet in length, with beam of 17 feet, 6 inches, and draft of 7 feet, 6 inches. It will be outfitted with a 110 horse power Corliss engine, and it is hoped to have the vessel ready for launching by March 1.

### Newfoundland Market.

Speaking of the market at St. John's, N. F., the Halifax Maritime Merchant says: "Dry cod has advanced. Medium dry cod, \$6.75; small \$4.75; pollock \$3.75; pickled herring \$6.00; half barrels, \$3.25; smoked herring 10c.

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## FORCED TO WORK CRAFT OUT TO SEA

### Sch. Matthew S. Greer Paid Cable Under Cape Cod In Big Gale.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, Capt. Greer at Boston yesterday, reports he encountered the gale in all his Saturday down off Chatham, where the craft broke from her anchor, losing an anchor and 50 fathoms cable.

It blew a regular hurricane, the being one of the worst that Greer has ever experienced. Greer was holding her own, as well, at anchor off Monomoy when wind suddenly shifted to the east and threatened to drive ashore. It was a thrilling moment for all hands when the craft paid her cable, but Capt. Greer managed to work her off shore in safety, anchored off Nantucket. Here again, the wind shifted, this time the northwest and in the howling the anchor was quickly weighed, the nose of the Greer headed out again, where with sea room she hove to and weathered the remainder of the breeze.

## CAPT. WELLES HAS BIG FLEET

There were few arrivals during week ending February 8, at Pensacola, but those which brought catches were as follows:

Snappers, Greer  
Emelia Enos ..... \$8.700  
Emily Cooney ..... 13.425  
Wallace McDonald ..... 2.600  
Ida M. Silva ..... 21.000  
Culebra ..... 20.000  
Wm. Hays ..... 32.310

The E. E. Saunders & Co., snapper and grouper fishery, controllers of vessels, and a large number of vessels, is now owned by Capt. T. E. Welles, who has other large interests in Pensacola. This firm has branches at Birmingham, Memphis, New Orleans, Cincinnati and other cities, and controls an output of some 12,000 pounds of fish a year.

The business was established years ago, when a partnership was formed between Capt. Welles, Capt. E. E. Saunders, and under the active management of the firm has grown from a small business employing a few vessels in the east red snapper fishery in the Gulf. The partnership continued up to the death of Capt. Saunders a year ago, and recently Mrs. Welles decided to dispose of her share in the business. Capt. Welles stated it was his intention to continue the business under its present name. He has purchased Palatka, so that at all times there will be sufficient room to handle the receipts of fish.

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# TEAM TRAWLERS HELPED TODAY

## Altogether T Wharf Has But a Handful of Fish In the Dock.

T wharf's fresh fish supply this morning was somewhat better off than yesterday, although the receipts were not so large as what was needed, consequently good prices prevailed. Three beam trawlers arrived helped to fill the dock, although none of them brought in big trips. The shore boats had their average catches and reaped the benefit of the prices. Wholesalers quoted \$6 to \$7 a hundred pounds for haddock; \$8 for large cod; \$6 for market cod; \$4 to \$7 for hake; \$5.25 for pollock, and \$3 for cusk.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are: Str. Spray, 25,000 haddock, 800 cod. Sch. Genesta, 500 haddock, 1500 hake. Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 pollock. Sch. Leonora Silveria, 2500 haddock, 500 cod, 6000 hake. Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 500 hake. Sch. Edith Silveria, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 2500 pollock. Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 1200 haddock, 500 cod. Sch. Mary DeCosta, 6000 haddock, 500 cod. Sch. Tecumseh, 2500 haddock, 300 cod. Str. Wave, 46,000 haddock, 1000 cod. Sch. Manomet, 1000 haddock, 300 cod. Str. Foam, 31,000 haddock. Sch. Rose Standish, 1200 haddock, 500 cod, 1500 pollock. Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 6000 haddock, 500 cod. Haddock, \$6 to \$7 per cwt.; large cod, \$8; market cod, \$6; hake, \$4 to \$7; pollock, \$5.25; cusk, \$3.

# LITTLE DOING AT FULTON MARKET

There was comparatively little business in either fresh or frozen fish at Fulton market last week. Nearly all varieties of green fish were on sale, still prices were too high for most buyers, and those wanting frozen stock were unwilling to take large quantities. That the weather conditions did not prove favorable for carrying the stock. On Monday and Tuesday the weather was not fairly warm. On Wednesday and Thursday there was an intense cold, with the end of the week. The Lenten season will open on Wednesday, February 25, and dealers

are hoping that they can move larger quantities of stock during the six weeks following. There are plenty of frozen herring from Newfoundland in the market at the present time, half a million pounds having arrived on two schooners, while several carlots have come overland from Gloucester. It is reported that four or five more schooner loads are destined for this market. Whether they will come by vessel or overland is a question that will have to be decided upon later. Up to this time there has not been any heavy demand for frozen herring and the chances are that if buying is not more active, prices will go lower.

Although fish specified above was high in price it must not be imagined that there was no cheap fish to be had. Considering that steak hake and steak pollock were not to be found in the market up to Wednesday, both codfish and haddock were low in price. Market cod was quoted at two and one-half cents per pound and steak cod at 4 to 8 cents. Haddock brought 4 to 6 cents a pound.

Western white halibut was quoted at 9 to 10 cents.

The southern blue fishing vessels have been having pretty hard luck recently. No fish reached the market up to Wednesday which resulted in a slightly higher price for frozen blues.

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### Form Insurance Association.

The Puget Sound halibut schooner owners have banded for mutual insurance purposes. This organization, which is known as the Pacific Coast Fishermen's Marine Insurance Company, of Seattle, has now become a permanent institution which eventually will retain the Seattle premiums running into hundreds of thousands of dollars protecting millions of dollars worth of vessels operating in the great local halibut industry.

Officials of the new company are. Capt. W. H. Butt, president; Capt. Albert Lindvog, vice-president; Norman Waterhouse, general manager, secretary and treasurer; J. Johansen, Albert Lindvog, W. H. Butt, A. M. Winge, C. Servold, E. B. Larsen, Thomas J. King, Norman Waterhouse and H. C. Hurley, trustees.

With the powerful combination of operators the organization of the mutual insurance company is so highly thought of by insurance experts that reinsurance of the halibut fleet could be obtained ten times over if necessary, according to Norman Waterhouse, who is general manager of the association.

The new company is much on the general lines of a club, where all the members pay into a common fund according to the assessments of their vessels. Premiums are paid on 25 per cent of the value of the boats and 75 per cent reinsurance is placed with outside companies, for which the club makes all arrangements without becoming liable itself for more than 25 per cent.

Developments of the scheme will be along such lines that eventually all of the mosquito fleet on Puget Sound may be able to share in its benefits.

# ONE GEORGESMAN IN HERE TODAY

## Few Gill Netters and One Shore Otter Trawler Also Landed Fares.

A nice Georges handling trip here this morning is sch. Titania with 4000 pounds of fresh halibut and 20,000 pounds salt cod which arrived during the night. The halibut was sold to A. Cooney & Company at 11 cents for white and nine cents for grays.

Outside of sch. Mary P. Goulart from the shore and steamer Nora B. Robinson from beam trawling, the only other fares in were the gill netters, some of the boats striking some good catches of haddock yesterday.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Titania, Georges handling, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 4000 lbs. fresh halibut. Sch. Mary J. Goulart, shore, 4500 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Giammaroo, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Nora B. Robinson, beam trawling, 8 bbls. flounders. Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 200 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Medomak, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish. Str. R. J. Killick, gill netting, 200 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Bryda F., gill netting, 1960 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 200 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Orion, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish. Sch. Eva and Mildred, shore. Sch. Russell, shore. Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 850 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Quartette, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish. Str. Alice, gill netting, 530 lbs. fresh fish. Str. James W. Gifford gill netting.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Catherine Burke, halibuting. Sch. Avalon, halibuting. Sch. Jeanette, Boston.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish

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### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices: Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt. Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2.00; snappers, 75c. Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.15; snappers, 75c. All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above. Hake, \$1.15. Cusk, large, \$2.00; medium, \$1.50. Snappers, 50c. Dressed pollock, 90c; round, 80c.

Newfoundland bulk salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl. Newfoundland pickled herring, \$4.50 per bbl. Newfoundland frozen herring, \$1.2c per lb. Fresh halibut, 8 1/2c per lb. for white and gray.

# LIGHT RECEIPTS AT FISH PIER

Boston's fish receipts were light today, three fares being reported up to 9 o'clock with 50,000 pounds in all. Of these one was the steam trawler Surf, which reported with a 39,000 pound fare, nearly all haddock, while the other two fares were from the shore. Additional fares arriving yesterday afternoon were five crafts from the shore which sold at good prices.

Wholesalers quoted \$5.75 to \$6.50 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$8 for large and \$6 to \$6.50 for market cod, \$5 to \$8 for hake and \$3 for cusk.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Surf, 33,000 haddock, 1000 cod. Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 4500 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 300 pollock. Sch. Jeanette, 2500 haddock, 500 cod, 2500 hake. Sch. Mary Edith 3000 haddock, 200 cod. Sch. Stranger, 800 haddock, 500 cod. Sch. Buema, 8500 haddock, 200 cod. Sch. Mary C. Santos, 9000 haddock, 900 cod, 1200 pollock. Sch. Jessie Costa, 14,000 haddock, 1300 cod 1000 hake. Haddock, \$5.75 to \$6.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$8; market cod, \$6 to \$6.50; hake, \$5 to \$8; cusk, \$3.

### A New Fish Scrap Plant.

The James M. Davidson Fisheries, of Edinburgh, Scotland, will erect a fertilizer plant on the Skeena river, British Columbia. At present the canneries on the river make no use of the refuse from their plants, and representatives of this firm have entered into contracts with these canneries for the sale of the offal. The machinery for the plant is to be shipped from Scotland, and it is expected that the completed plant will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Francis P. Mesquita, was at Shalburne, Tuesday last and cleared for fishing. Sch. Marguerite Haskins was at New York Tuesday, bound home from south.